

# HOUSE PASSES CURRENCY BILL BY A CLEAR MAJORITY OF FORTY.

Roll Call on the Gold Standard Measure in the House Shows 190 in Favor of It Against 150 Opposed.

Every Republican Member and Eleven Democrats Are Recorded for the Passage of the Bill.

Only Demonstration in Connection with the Vote Is a Salvo of Cheers When the Result Is Announced.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The currency bill was passed today by the House by a vote of 190 to 150.

It had the united support of every Republican in the House and of eleven Democrats, Messrs. Clayton, Briggs, Fitzgerald, Levy, Ruppert, Scudder, Underhill and Wilson, of New York; Mr. McAlleer, of Pennsylvania; Drury, of Maryland, and Mr. Thayer, of Massachusetts.

All the other Democrats voted against the measure, or were paired against it except Mr. John Walter Smith, Governor-elect from Maryland, Mr. Stallings, of Alabama, and General Joseph Wheeler, of Alabama.

Mr. Stallings, of Alabama, has not been present in the House this session owing to illness, and one of his colleagues announced that at present he would have voted in the negative.

General Wheeler is serving in the Philippines, and not in the House at present. Mr. Smith is, therefore, the only member of the House who did not go on record upon the bill.

When the speaker announced the result of the vote the Republicans cheered lustily. That was the only demonstration in connection with the vote.

The vote upon the currency bill was a perfunctory event. A large crowd than usual was in the galleries in anticipation of some form of excitement before the roll was called. The Republican plan was carried through to its finish with clock-like regularity.

No attempt whatever was made to offer an amendment, although there was a disposition among some Democrats last night to do so.

As soon as the reading of the Journal was finished the speaker instructed the clerk to read the special order and it was then ordered that the bill be taken up. Mr. Overstreet, in charge of the bill, demanded the yeas and noes, and both sides of the House backed the demand. The roll was then called and resulted: Yeas, 190; noes, 150.

After the vote was announced a motion to reconsider was made and laid on the table.

## SILVER REPUBLICANS PROTEST AGAINST BILL.

Washington, Dec. 18.—After the passage of the Currency bill today, the silver Republican leaders held a meeting and adopted an address setting forth their views as to its effect. After reciting the history of the Republican party in its relation to currency, the address says:

"The present bill 'preserves' it (the gold



Senator Allison in Deep Thought—Davenport Believes He Is Thinking of Senator Clarke and His Pictures.

standard) with a vengeance. The vast bonded debt of the country now payable in gold, that is, either in gold or silver, is to be made payable in gold alone. "Nearly half a billion of standard silver dollars, heretofore redeemable in any form of currency, are to be taken out of circulation and placed in the Treasury and paid out only for gold.

"The tax on the circulation of the national banks is to be reduced, and the amount of the bank currency they may issue on Government bonds deposited is to be increased from 90 per cent to par of the bonds, thus making their business enormously more profitable.

"The inevitable tendency among these banks will be toward a uniformity and co-operation of management, the result of

which will speedily be the erection of a great bank-money trust more powerful than all other trusts and combines, and undiminished by the Republican party should remain in power, irrefragable and unresisted by the Government itself."

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**Hanna Puts Teeth to Work.**  
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## FIRST MOVE AGAINST EXPANSION IN THE SENATE.

Tillman and Bacon Offer Resolutions Declaring That Our Sovereignty in the Philippines Should Be Relinquished

Debate Will Open with These Measures as the Text as Soon as Congress Reconvenes After the Holidays.

Resolutions Are Representative of Views of Radical Democrats Only—Morgan and Many Others Oppose Them.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Those Democrats in the Senate opposed to the policy of expansion are preparing for a discussion which will begin when the Senate gets down to business after the holiday recess.

Senators Tillman, of South Carolina, and Bacon, of Georgia, today offered resolutions that will be used as texts for speeches. Each Senator says his resolution stands for the sentiment of at least half a score of Senators, but nothing that has transpired in the Senate warrants the assumption that the Democratic party, as such, will conduct an organized opposition to the policy of expansion.

Senator Morgan, the commanding figure on the Democratic side of the chamber, is for expansion and the permanent retention of everything this country has secured as a result of the war with Spain. He will carry many influential Senators with him.

Mr. Tillman's resolution is fairly representative of the radical views. It holds that the Federal Government has no power to hold colonies; that the expansion of our commerce has not and cannot be dependent upon the adoption of a policy of imperialism; declares against the retention of the Philippines, and asserts it to be the policy of the United States to recognize the independence of the Filipino government, as soon as it is established and to that establishment the United States pledges itself.

Mr. Tillman this afternoon announced his intention of addressing the Senate on this resolution. In the course of his remarks he said:

"The spirit of militarism is abroad in the land. It is dangerous, and I for one intend to raise my voice against it."

The resolution of Mr. Bacon, while apparently more conservative than Mr. Tillman's, is not acceptable to all the Democrats because it provides for the relinquishment of the islands. It is similar to the resolution introduced in the House last week by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi.

The Administration managers in the Senate have formulated a plan now presented, any resolutions touching the Philippine policy. They expect to do so after the holidays.

A prominent Republican member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations said today: "The President's recommendations will be followed out, and as soon as we can we shall establish a new government, but the United States will never, with the consent of this Administration and the Fifty-sixth Congress, abandon its sovereignty."

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